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**RE: US Application No. 09/554,417 filed May 11, 2000**

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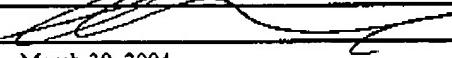
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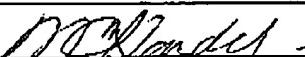
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